



**NOW IS THE TIME -
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK
CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

**County Executive Douglas M. Duncan,
Fire Administrator Gordon Aoyagi and
your local firefighters** remind you that as
you change your clock this weekend, it is
also a good time to change the battery in
your smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors save lives - but only if they
work. The "Change Your Clock, Change
Your Battery" program was created to
remind families to change smoke detector
batteries when changing clocks in the spring
and fall. For more information about the
"Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery"
program and how to spread the lifesaving
message in your community, please call the
Community Life Safety Education section of
the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue
Service at 240.777.2448.



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To improve the odds of survival for you and
your family should your house catch fire, please
carefully review the **Fire Safety Tips** listed
below. Together we can save lives and prevent
injuries!

- 1. Install & Maintain Smoke Detectors**
Install them on each level of your home and
outside of each sleeping area. Test them at
least once a month and replace batteries at
least twice a year (or whenever a detector
chirps to signal that its battery is low).
- 2. Plan & Practice To Escape**
Plan TWO ways out of every room! Choose
a meeting place outside where everyone will
gather. Once you are out, STAY OUT! At
least twice a year, have the whole family
practice the escape plan.
- 3. Crawl Low Under Smoke & Get Out**
Smoke kills! If you encounter smoke, use
an alternate escape route. If you must exit
through smoke, the cleanest air will be 12 to
24 inches (30 – 60 centimeters) above the
floor. Crawl on your hands and knees to the
nearest safe exit.

For additional information or questions, please
contact:

Community Life Safety Education 240.777.2448
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